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9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  
*(when there is an assignee)*       Power of Attorney
11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)
12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449       Copies of IDS Citations
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15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
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Continuation

Of Application No. 10/307,419, filed on December 2, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,616,017, which is a continuation of 09/725,130, filed on November 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,499,632, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/NL99/00337, filed on May 31, 1999, which published in English as WO 99/62791, which claims priority to NL 1009292, filed May 29, 1998 and EP 098201819.4, filed June 2, 1998.

Prior application information:

Examiner: J. Rivell

Group Art Unit: 3753

The entire disclosure of all prior applications considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

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Sir:

This is a request for filing a  continuation  divisional application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application no. 10/307,419, filed on December 2, 2002, now U.S. Patent 6,616,017, which is a continuation of 09/725,130, filed on November 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,499,632, which is a continuation of International Application PCT/NL99/00337, filed on May 31, 1999, which published in English as WO 99/62791, which claims priority to NL 1009292, filed May 29, 1998 and EP 098201819.4, filed June 2, 1998.

of **Jaap Herman VAN'T HOFF**

(inventor(s) currently of record in prior application)

for **PRESSURE CONTROL DEVICE FOR MAINTAINING A CONSTANT PREDETERMINED  
PRESSURE IN A CONTAINER**

(title of invention)

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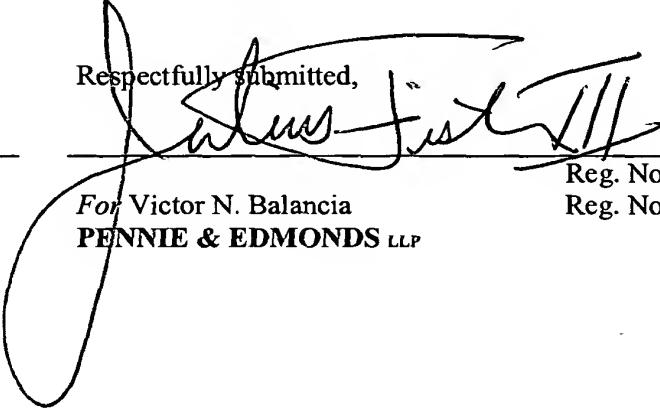
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2.  Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
3.  Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence: This is a continuation, division, of application no. , filed .
- 4a.  New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 4b.  Informal drawings are enclosed.

- 5a.  Priority of application nos. NL 1009292 filed on May 29, 1998 in the Netherlands and EP 98201819.4 filed on June 2, 1998 in Europe is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 via PCT/NL99/00337, filed May 31, 1999.
- 5b.  The certified copies have been filed in prior application no. 09/725,130, filed on November 29, 2000.
6.  The prior application is assigned of record to Packaging Technology Holding S.A., recorded on February 13, 2001, Reel 011538, Frame 0591.
- 7a.  A copy of the Power of Attorney filed in the prior application no. 09/725,130, filed November 29, 2000 is enclosed.
- 7b.  A Power of Attorney is enclosed.
8.  This application contains nucleic acid and/or amino acid sequences required to be disclosed in a Sequence Listing under 37 CFR §§1.821-1.825. It is requested that the Sequence Listing in computer readable form from prior application no., filed on be made a part of the present application as provided for by 37 C.F.R. §1.821(e). The sequences disclosed therein are the same as the sequences disclosed in this application. A copy of the paper Sequence Listing from application no. is enclosed.
9.  The undersigned states, under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f), that the content of the enclosed paper Sequence Listing from application no. is the same as the content of the computer readable form submitted in application no. .
10.  DO NOT PUBLISH. I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).
11.  Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

Date September 9, 2003

  
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